

**Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Lifeline and Link Up Reform and	)	WC Docket No. 11-42
Modernization	)	
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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal	)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Service	)	
	)	WC Docket No. 12-23
Advancing Broadband Availability Through	)	
Digital Literacy Training	)	
	)	WC Docket No. 03-109
Lifeline and Link Up		

**REQUEST TO PARTIALLY WITHDRAW PETITION FOR WAIVER OF THE PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

Through this filing, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (DC PSC) respectfully requests to withdraw a portion of its Petition for Waiver<sup>1</sup> filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on May 23, 2012. The DC PSC still needs a two month extension of time until August 1, 2012 to make the changes to the Lifeline application required by the *Lifeline Modernization Order*,<sup>2</sup> but the DC PSC does not need until April 1, 2013 to develop procedures to transmit copies of Lifeline applications from the state agency certifying customer eligibility (state certification agency) to the only wireline eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the District of Columbia, Verizon Washington, DC Inc. (Verizon DC) pursuant

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<sup>1</sup> *Further Inquiry into Four Issues in the Universal Service Lifeline/Link Up Reform and Modernization Proceeding, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, Petition for Waiver of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, filed May 23, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> *Further Inquiry into Four Issues in the Universal Service Lifeline/Link Up Reform and Modernization Proceeding, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("*Lifeline Modernization Order*"), rel. February 6, 2012.

to 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(c)(2)(ii), and 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(e).

### THE DC PSC WAIVER PETITION

The *Lifeline Modernization Order* requires the District of Columbia's state certification agency, the District Department of the Environment's Energy Office (DDOE) to make several changes to its existing customer eligibility verification procedures. The FCC established June 1, 2012 as the compliance date for many of these new requirements. Because DDOE could not change its procedures by June 1, 2012 to comply with two of the new requirements, the DC PSC sought a waiver of the implementation date for these two requirements. The DC PSC sought a waiver of the June 1, 2012 implementation date for the transmittal of copies of Lifeline applications from DDOE to Verizon DC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(c)(2)(ii), and 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(e). In its Petition, the DC PSC sought until April 1, 2013 for DDOE and Verizon DC to develop and implement such a process.

47 C.F.R. § 54.410(d) requires the inclusion of very detailed information about Lifeline on the Lifeline application. It also requires customers to certify that they understand and agree with the detailed requirements of the Lifeline program.<sup>3</sup> DDOE's current application does not include this information or require these certifications, necessitating amendments. In its Petition, the DC PSC requested until August 1, 2012 to amend the Lifeline application to include the information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(d).

### THE FCC WAIVER ORDER

On May 31, 2012, the FCC released an order waiving the June 1, 2012 deadline for complying with 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(c)(2)(ii), and 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(e). The FCC extended the deadline for complying with these sections to December 1,

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<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(c).

2012.<sup>4</sup> The Waiver Order did not address the DC PSC's request to extend the deadline for complying with 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(d).

**A WAIVER OF 47 C.F.R. 54.410(d) IS STILL NECESSARY.**

After the release of the Waiver Order, the DC PSC met with stakeholders in the District of Columbia to continue its implementation of 47 C.F.R. § 54.410. The DC PSC and other stakeholders agreed that they could develop a process for transmitting copies of the Lifeline applications from DDOE to Verizon DC by December 1, 2012. Thus, the DC PSC requests the FCC to permit the DC PSC to withdraw its request to waive the effective date for 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(c)(2)(ii), and 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(e) until April 1, 2013.

The DC PSC still needs a waiver of the June 1, 2012 deadline for compliance with the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(d), however. The DC PSC, DDOE, and other stakeholders are still revising the Lifeline application. The DC PSC still expects this process to be completed by August 1, 2012, and continues to seek of waiver of the compliance deadline until that date.

**CONCLUSION**

Because the DC PSC can comply with 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(c)(2)(ii), and 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(e) by December 1, 2012, the DC PSC withdraws its request for a waiver of this requirement until April 1, 2013. However, the DC PSC still needs a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(d) until August 1, 2012 and respectfully requests that the FCC grant this request.

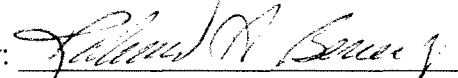
The DC PSC appreciates the opportunity to submit this request.

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<sup>4</sup> *Further Inquiry into Four Issues in the Universal Service Lifeline/Link Up Reform and Modernization Proceeding, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, Waiver Order, rel. May 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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